

**Town of Woodstock
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 2015
7:00 PM – Room A**

PRESENT: D. Mitchell Eaffy, Chandler Paquette, Allan D. Walker, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dawn Adiletta, Everett Cowley, Diane Miller, Paul Miller, Kevin Withers, Joni Cullan

1. Call to Order

First Selectman Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approve the Minutes of March 5, 2015 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting

Paquette moved to approve the minutes of March 5, 2015 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Consider Adopting the 2015 Fair Housing Action Plan Resolution; the Program Income Plan Resolution; the 2015 Housing Rehabilitation Program Guidelines ; CDBG Rehabilitation Application Resolution; Designate April as “Fair Housing Month”

Walker indicated that the Town is submitting an application for the Housing Rehabilitation Program and this action is required. **Eaffy moved** to adopt the following resolutions which **carried unanimously.**

**FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION
TOWN OF WOODSTOCK**

Whereas, All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

Whereas, Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, gender identity or expression, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas, Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or gender identify or expression be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including renal and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas, The Town of Woodstock is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town of Woodstock hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Woodstock or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of Woodstock and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

Program Income Plan Resolution

WHEREAS, Program Income is defined in federal regulation at 24 CFR 570.489 (e) which specify that program income is the gross income received by the jurisdiction that has been directly generated from the use of Community Development Block Grant Program.

WHEREAS, Examples of program income include: payments of principal and interest on housing rehabilitation loans made using Community Development Block Grant funds; interest earned on program income pending its disposition, and interest earned on funds that have been placed in a revolving loan account;

WHEREAS, The Town of Woodstock will generate Program Income from it's current activity, Housing Rehabilitation Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Selectmen that the following Program Income Plan and Program Reuse Income Plan is hereby approved and further authorizes First Selectman, Allan D. Walker, Jr., to sign such document.

Housing Rehabilitation Guidelines Resolution

WHEREAS, The Town of Woodstock is continuing its Housing Rehabilitation Program through a 2015 Small Cities Grant from the Connecticut Department of Housing.

WHEREAS, The following 2015 Housing Rehabilitation Guidelines outlines eligibility criteria, procedures and regulations for operation of the 2015 program.

WHEREAS, The Town of Woodstock will adhere to and refer Program participants to the following 2015 Housing Rehabilitation Program Guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Selectmen that the following 2015 Housing Rehabilitation Program Guidelines is hereby approved.

Certified Resolution Town of Woodstock Small Cities Program

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to Public Law 93-3 83, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Woodstock make application to the State for \$400,000 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Woodstock Board of Selectmen:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes; and,

2. That the filing of an application the Town of Woodstock in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 is hereby approved, and that the First Selectman is hereby authorized and directed to file such Application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Woodstock.

/s/ Allan D. Walker, Jr., First Selectman

/s/ Chandler Paquette, Selectman

/s/ D. Mitchell Eaffy, Selectman

4. Consider Reappointing Grace Jacobson as a member of the Conservation Commission for the term of April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2020

Eaffy moved to table this item. He indicated that they need to have a conversation before appointing members to the Conservation Commission. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Consider Reappointing Hope Hartland as a member of the Conservation Commission for the term of April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2020

Paquette moved to table this item. **Motion carried unanimously.**

6. Consider Adopting Revisions to Sexual Harassment Policy

Eaffy moved to adopt the revisions to the Sexual Harassment Policy. Walker indicated that the revisions are a matter of housekeeping for Human Resources. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. Consider Adopting Harassment Policy

Paquette moved to adopt the Harassment Policy. Walker reported that this is a new policy. It is felt that we should have a policy covering general harassment in addition to the already existing sexual harassment policy. **Motion carried unanimously.**

8. Tax Rebates

None.

9. Correspondence and Announcements

None.

10. Citizen's Comments

Paul Miller thanked First Selectman Walker for submitting testimony to the legislature on behalf of the Town of Woodstock relating to the Bill proposing changes to the Community Investment Act. Walker responded by thanking Dawn Adiletta who brought it to his attention. He indicated that he is happy to submit testimony on topics that protect the Town.

Kevin Withers expressed his feeling that the Board did the right thing in tabling the reappointments to the Conservation Commission in light of their actions regarding the timber harvest.

Dawn Adelitta said she came to the meeting to answer any questions the selectman may have regarding the May Farm. She stated she wasn't sure if they were warning the town meeting since she didn't have a copy of the agenda. Allan Walker informed her that this item will be on the annual town meeting agenda in May.

Selectmen Eaffy expressed his gratitude for the stellar work of First Selectman Walker, Treasurer Donna Stefanik and Assistant Treasurer Karen Fitzpatrick in creating the proposed budget. They continually work extremely hard watching over and being frugal with the budget for the community. Selectman Paquette concurred.

11. Adjournment

Paquette moved to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Joni Cullan, Recording Clerk